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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the IITs of the country have full-fledged department of biotechnology as directed by the Government;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide special funding for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the All India Council for Technical Education for encouraging the biotechnology education?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (e) : The Government of India have decided in principle togive special thrust in the area of Biotechnology in premier institutions including Indian Institutes ofTechnology. This includes establishing Graduate, Postgraduate and Doctoral programmes in Biotechnology in a phased manner. The Government ofIndia in the AICTE also provides project based fundingto Technical Institutions in this area.